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SUBJECT: ITALY'S RESPONSE TO PRESSING FOR DIALOGUE IN BURMA
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Classified By: Political-Military Counselor J. Liam Wasley for reasons
1.4(b) and 1.4(d)

1. (C) Poloff discussed reftel demarche with MFA Asia, Oceania, Pacific and Antarctic Office Director Adriano Monti on December 2. Monti agreed with all of the points in the demarche and asserted that the GOI continues to share the US strategy on dealing with the military junta that rules Burma. The GOI believes it is important for the international community to press the GOB on the importance of dialogue with the opposition and for National League for Democracy (NLD) leader Aung San Suu Kyi to be able to meet with members of the Central Executive Committee. The GOI will continue to work with other EU countries in calling for an internal dialogue in Burma to move political reform forward and ensure an inclusive electoral process.
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